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### **FREE USDA FARM BILL WORKSHOP**

**Learn how to ACCESS \$23 million available nationwide  
for RENEWABLE ENERGY and ENERGY EFFICIENT projects**

The Utah Wind Working Group is hosting a series of renewable energy workshops around the state in early March to help Utahns develop the state's "pockets" of wind power and other renewable energy resources.

No fee or advance registration is required for these workshops, which are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America and Geopowering the West Programs, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Utah Energy Office, the Utah Clean Energy Alliance and the USDA Utah Rural Business-Cooperative Services.

Participants will learn about grants and loans from section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill created specifically to assist small businesses and producers develop wind power, geothermal, and biomass projects. Utahns interested in developing wind and other alternative energy projects will receive training to successfully organize, write and submit an application for funding assistance under the Farm Bill.

The Utah Energy Office will open the first workshop in Cedar City on March 9th. "Utah has the potential for producing renewable energy," said Christine Watson, "these workshops will bring us closer to actualizing that potential."

The workshop includes presentations from National Renewable Energy Laboratory experts on wind power technology and its uses. Other presenters include representatives from the Utah Clean Energy Alliance, an organization committed to a sustainable energy future through the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency technologies, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which manages the grant and loan application and review processes.

The workshop schedule is:

- March 9<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am to Noon in Cedar City at Southern Utah University
- March 9<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Price at the College of Eastern Utah
- March 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am to Noon in Salt Lake City at the Department of Natural Resources

To find out if this program is right for you or if you have any questions, contact Christine Watson, Utah Energy Office at 801-538-4792 or by e-mail at [christinewatson@utah.gov](mailto:christinewatson@utah.gov) or Gina Fleischer at 1-800-662-3633 or visit [www.wind.utah.gov](http://www.wind.utah.gov).

The Utah Wind Working Group is a broad-based organization of Utahns interested in promoting expanded wind power project development within the state to stimulate rural economic development, create jobs, expand local and statewide tax bases and supply affordable, stable-priced electric power from wind to consumers.

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